

Pending Legislation

Civilian Use of Tasers

Bill: Senate Bills 29 & 30

Sponsor: Hansen & Jones

Summary: Allows concealed pistol license holders to possess and use electro-muscular disruption technology (Tasers) as an alternative or addition to a firearm.

MCRGO Position: Support

Status: Passed full Senate, pending in House Judiciary

Chance of Passage: Likely

Gun Board Reform

Bill: Senate Bills 59

Sponsor: Green

Summary: Makes various reforms to the issuing of concealed pistol licensed by county gun boards

MCRGO Position: Support as amended

Status: Pending in Senate Judiciary

Chance of Passage: Passage of an amended version is likely. Several amendments have been offered to date.

Pistol Free Zones Repeal

Bill: Senate Bills 58 & House Bill 4009

Sponsor: Green & Le Blanc

Summary: Eliminates pistol free zones for concealed pistol license holders

MCRGO Position: Strongly Support

Status: Pending Senate Judiciary & Pending House Judiciary

Chance of Passage: Passage of Senate Bill is likely in an amended form. Passage of House Bill is unlikely.

Pistol Length

Bill: Senate Bills 760-762

Sponsor: Green, Kowall, Robertson

Summary: Would reduce maximum pistol length from 30" to 26"

MCRGO Position: Neutral as amended with grandfathering language for current owners

Status: Passed full Senate, pending in House Judiciary

Chance of Passage: Very Likely

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The Board of Directors of the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners would like to extend its thanks to our current, new and returning members for your continued dedication to our mission of promoting safe use and ownership of firearms through education, litigation, and legislation.

The year behind us saw many positive changes for MCRGO. Regular office hours and the publication of MCRGO's "On Target" newsletter resumed. Members overwhelmingly voted to approve three by-law amendments modernizing the organization. Board elections resulted in the addition of State

Senator Mike Green along with the addition of a second board member from the Upper Peninsula, Joe Tormala. Many former members of the organization have rejoined MCRGO and we are experiencing new membership growth tied to the rapid increase in the number of state residents applying for concealed pistol licenses. We have also increased our electronic communication outreach to members and the general public through a popular Facebook account and Twitter. In 2011, MCRGO celebrated its 15 year anniversary and the 10 year anniversary of the 2001 public act creating shall-issue concealed carry in Michigan!

We have high expectations for MCRGO in 2012. The elimination of concealed pistol free zones, county gun board reform, stronger preemption language and approval of civilian use of Tasers as a self-defense alternative are all likely to see legislative action in the months ahead. An increase in membership and greater efficiencies in operating costs are now allowing us to publish the "On Target" newsletter on a quarterly basis beginning with this issue. The frequency of membership card mailings has increased and will soon include decals of MCRGO's new logo. The MCRGO-PAC will endorse in both the primary and general elections this year for state offices. MCRGO's return to Outdoorama and other sportsmen's events will coincide with a by-law amendment proposal to expand the organization's scope to focus on hunting, shooting sports and recreational access along with our primary interest of defending our right to bear arms for personal protection.

-Joel Sheltrown, Chair and President, MCRGO